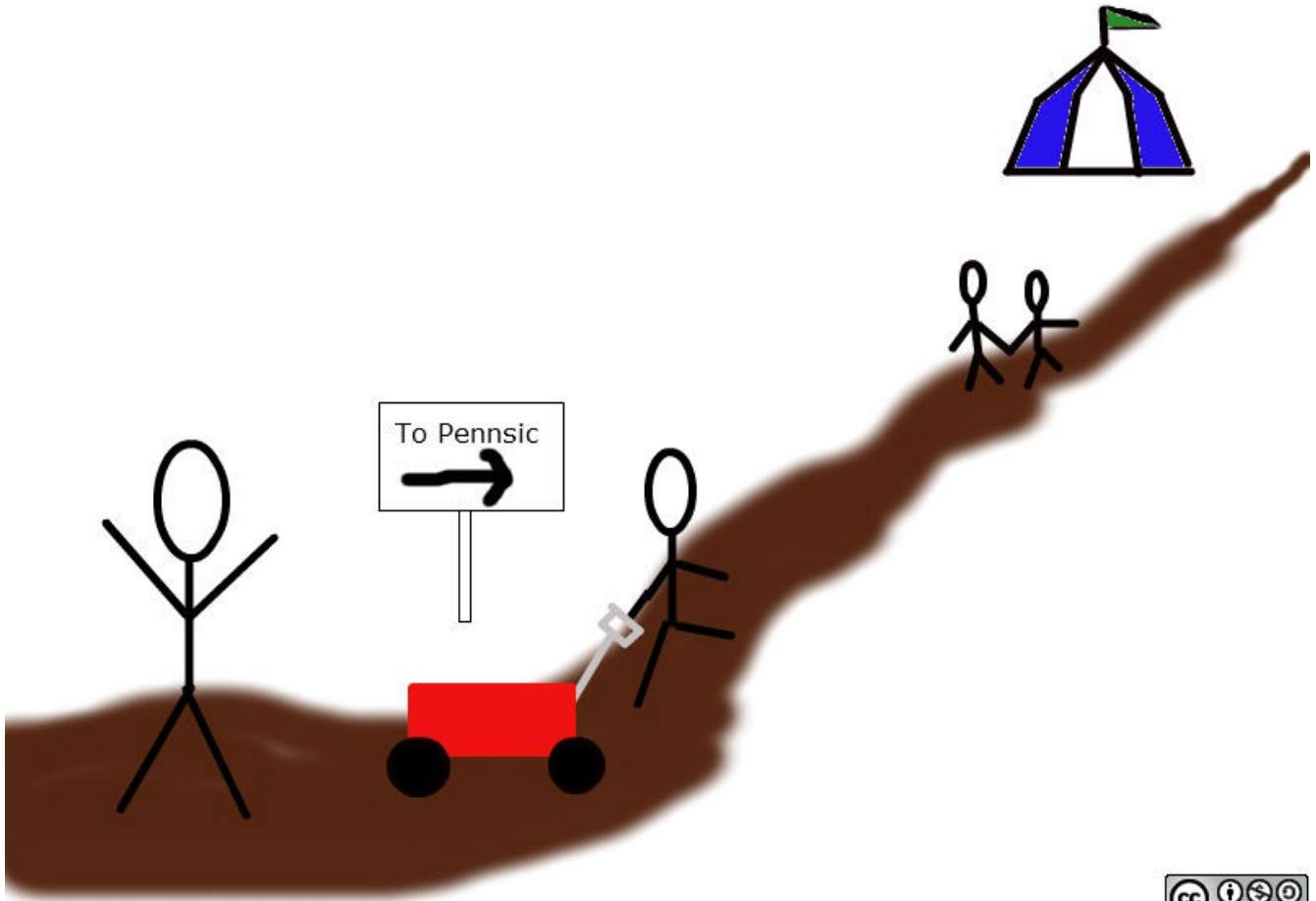




# The Drekkar

of the Barony of Storvik  
June, A.S. XLIX (2014)



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## Upcoming Events

June 6-8 Highland River Melees and Baronial Investiture (Highland Foorde)

June 14 Summer University (Mineral, VA)

June 20-22 Trial by Fire: Fortuna's Games (Bright Hills)

June 20-22 Old School War Practice (Marinus)

July 4-6 King's Assessment (Black Diamond)

## Baronial Activities

Business Meeting: June 15

Fight, Rapier Practice: June 5, 12, 19, 26 (7-9:30pm)

Dance Practice: June 5, 12, 19, 26 (8-10pm)

Archery Practice: Some Sundays (see Yahoo Group messages for details) (11:00am)

Sewing: Third Thursdays

Performing Arts Night: Second Tuesdays (7-9pm)

## Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting, March 16, 2014

Attendees: Orla Carey, Tirzah MacCrudden, Rayhanna bint Yusuf (via phone), Grazia Morgano, Teleri the Well-Prepared, Patricia of Trakai,

Meeting commenced 7:11pm

## Officers' Reports

Seneschal (Rayhana): No business. Orla cannot be deputy seneschal because she lives at the same address as the exchequer; deputy seneschal still needed.

A&S: (Teleri reporting) Procedures have changed at the Sierra Landing Condo site for Performing Arts and Sewing nights. Nobody came to PA night, (Grazia reporting) Sewing night had about a dozen, including new people.

Chronicler (Teleri): May Drekkar out on time with glorious stick figure art.

Exchequer (Tirzah): Quarterly report in. Will send in ACCEPS forms for BotB, needs the Seneschal to email ACCEPS folks to approve the info on the form; Rayhana says she will do so. Baronial bank balance at \$6,236 on 4/30 statement.

Herald (Patricia): Still needs to speak with Triton about stepping down. Heraldry class at Sergeants and Scholars canceled due to illness.

Webminister (Grazia): Chronicler given access to post Drekkars on Yahoo site.

## Events

Post Pennsic Revel (Emma West): Emma has signed contract, seneschal and exchequer approved the budget (emergency approval to make publication deadlines). Grazia will run a Novice A&S competition at PPR to replace competition at Novice Tournament.

Pointy Shoes and Forks (Patches): Patches will autocrat, Teleri will be deputy for bardic stuff. Hotel is a nice site, although ballroom a bit small. Needs to coordinate with Graciela to get a quote for the site, get it posted and Spiked. Patches will follow up with an email to the seneschal; Rayhana will assist Patches as needed via email. Aiming for 2/21/15 as a date, with a backup date in January if Bright Hills is not running their dance event. Tirzah will head up a potluck feast.

Battle on the Bay (Graciela): Autocrat absent

Meeting closed 7:30

Respectfully submitted,  
Lady Teleri the Well-Prepared, Chronicler for Storvik

## A Pennsic Packing List

by Mistress Sorcha Crowe

### Camp

- Tent, poles, stakes and mallet, ropes if your tent needs them, waterproof floor cloth
- Off-the-ground bed, bedding
- A lot of people swear by big tupperware tubs to keep things dry for the monsoon years - this includes your garb.
- Personal toiletries - soap, shampoo, razor, herbal insect repellent, cosmetics, comb, brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, small mirror, deodorant, travel-sized deodorant to carry with me during the day (Pennsic can be really hot). Nail file/cleaner makes me feel better.
- Towel. I use a big beach-sized one, but small microfiber works fine, and any size in between. Too plush and it doesn't dry out well on humid years. Lip balm.
- Cell phone and charger cable
- Solar panel or similar to charge phone if your camp doesn't have electricity
- Historical disguise for your very useful cell phone - I use one of Vels' i-Wax Tablets, a wooden box that my phone fits into that looks like a wax tablet
- Drying rack or extra line you can tie up inside or behind your tent - someplace it doesn't show - to hang personal laundry. I will wear my fighter garb into the shower, then wring it out and hang it up. Most of the time it dries before I need to wear it again.
- Underwear of choice for sticky humid hot/soaking wet/chilly weathers. Some people are more comfortable in bike shorts or something that covers their upper thighs - remember it gets really hot and chafing can ruin your day. I carry strips of linen that match my garb that I can twist and wind around my hairline to soak up sweat.
- Lantern for inside tent with extra oil/candles. I find a single candle works fine most times. Remember that at night your tent become scrim, and you are a very explicit shadow on the wall
- *(Editor's Note: Fire inside tents is not recommended for safety reasons. They have electric candles now that flicker!)*
- Fire extinguisher. Everyone should have one and everyone in camp should keep it in the same place in their tent so anyone can grab it as needed. Fires definitely happen.
- Lighters (put them in the same place where you can find them in the dark)
- Torch for outside your tent (put it at least a torch-length away from your tent)
- Tiki fuel
- Many like hand-held electric flashlights or headlamps, but I find them intrusive
- Camp chair
- Do you need to bring anything for the camp fire? The great poker, the toast tongs, the long blow tube?
- Furniture inside your tent as works for you. I use a couple of folding bookcases and a low table.
- A way to hang your garb up, out of potentially torrential rains.
- Several pairs of shoes and socks. Sometimes it gets cold at night, and it is often wet.
- Garb for when it's really hot. Garb for cool weather for evenings that you will sometimes need. Garb you can get soaked in. Garb for when you get soaked and need to change clothes. Party garb. Dress garb for Court. Garb to sleep in and/or wear to the portajohn in the middle of the night. Camp shoes/sandals that are easy to slip on. (I am not even a clothes horse.) Garb to wear for Storvik in the procession to declare War. William and I asked people to wear blue and white; Their Excellencies of Storvik Baudoin and Griele will decide for this year.
- Jewelry/regalia box
- Aloe for sunburns. Keep it in your cooler.
- I bring a small canvas stool. It's handy when I'm out and about and not too hard to carry.
- Personal medical needs
- Membership card and printout of reservation info
- Shopping basket/bag, secure belt pouch -

- a way to carry your money and any goodies or gifts
- Hand fan optional. If your camp has electricity, a small fan you can fasten to your bed frame is fantastic.
- Sunscreen (use it!)
- Hat with a big brim (wear it!)
- Personal medical kit including blister and foot care. Nothing worse than having your feet hurt at War where there's lots of walking.
- Outside-tent decorations - I put up spears, a shield, a personal banner within my allotted space
- I keep pen and paper in the tent - a list of classes or events I don't want to miss, must-get shopping items, that sort of thing. If there's a Storvik list of where everyone's camped, definitely bring it.
- Depending on your camp, feast gear. Certainly a "travelling mug" that is easy to carry from camp to camp at night. I carry a mug and a very small tasting cup.
- I replace the string on my Pennsic medallion with a long strip of latigo. I always keep latigo around, it's just handy, like a ball of string but stronger.
- Spending money if you can.
- Possible gifts for friends you may see there
- Does your camp have space for a hammock?
- Is there a project you want to work on when you're in camp?
- Cooler for personal food. I cover mine for extra insulation - sheepskins and wool, usually.
- A personal knife is always useful.
- I bring a separate cooler with homebrewed beer and mead, and any extra commercial beverages I bring along to share.
- Many like paper umbrellas. I bring a couple of extra ones.

#### Fighting (combat archer, adjust for your discipline)

- Combat bow
- Arrows and quiver
- Armor, all repaired and inspected before I go get it inspected again at War. You got inspected and approved for War beforehand, like at Assessments, right?

- Repair kit (small) for both armor and arrows
- Current fighter card.
- Fighter garb including footwear (no white socks, says Ursus). Extra (dark) socks. I bring two sets of fighter garb.
- Personal protection - for me, groin protection and boxer bra

#### Target shooting (adjust for your discipline)

- Different bow and set of arrows and repair kit
- More sunscreen and bug repellent
- Armguards, gloves

#### Classes

- Am I teaching? Handouts, items for class
- Some discreet form of clock (I use my cell phone in its i-Wax Tablet case)
- Am I taking a class? Do I need money for handouts or items in class, or should I bring anything?

#### Competitions

Whatever I've prepared and the documentation to go with it. I do some last-minute presentation prep, so I carry a small kit for that with me - bottle labels (hand-lettered, handmade paper, tied with yarn I spun), sealing wax and a lighter, plus seal ring carved with my personal device.

#### Supporting the Barony

If you're supporting the barony in any official capacity, there will be a whole 'nother section to your list. It might include tables, tablecloths, rugs, chairs, platters, banners, bowls, candles, food, pitchers, a way to carry those things to the battlefield or wherever they're needed.

#### Other

People often find a particular item that helps them be comfortable in camping mode. I like to wash my feet at night, so I keep a small pitcher and basin in my tent. Someone told me that for them it was a big bowl so she could splash water on her face in the morning, and a particular kind of carbonated water. You'll find the thing that makes you just that little bit more comfortable.

Yes, it can all fit into one car. I never drove anything bigger than my old Subaru Outback to War, with my tent poles and torch, and sometimes spears, on the roof.

## **Pennsic Advice**

by Lady Isabella D'Angelo

Now that I have a couple of Pennsic's under my belt (including one to rival Pennsic IV I'm told), I thought I might share some answers to questions I had and include some useful information.

- You can drive up to your camp site. Yes, I was worried about that. I had no idea how I was going to lug my tent from my truck to the campsite. Luckily, I parked my car at my camp site and unloaded quickly. For the most part, depending on where you are camped, you can stay parked there for a while. I know it's different down in the mud pit (aka Serengeti) and I think you have to unload and leave quickly but you don't have to lug your stuff from the Eye of Soren either. Shoo!
- Please, for the love of everything, cover up! It's hot. We all know it. However, a sheer t-tunic or a too small loincloth do not count as clothing. If people are looking in the opposite direction of you, you might want to rethink your clothing choice. In the morning, I have an unlined flannel green surcote. Yes, it's not period to wear over my chemise but at least I'm not flashing anyone either! The surcote allows for air (so I stay cool) and doesn't cover my arms (unlike a robe or a coat). My front and back are covered and I can wake up...without waking others up at the sight of me!
- This leads us to another point: It's okay to be slightly out of period/character at most camp sites in the morning. Some of us really take time to wake up...particularly after a party we don't quite remember (not me, but some of my beloved camping buddies. Really. Ask 'em!). You don't have to look picture perfect when you come out of your tent...just covered enough to leave something to the imagination. This rule is also applicable to porta potty runs.
- Now, this does not mean you can get away with wearing anything at all as long as it's decent either. Pennsic is an SCA event. The SCA strives to recreate the middle ages and renaissance. You should wear something reasonably medieval. This can be just a t-tunic and wool pants. This can also be a full out Elizabethan. This does not mean you can wear your oh so favorite underbust corset with a tulle skirt.
- Next point, if you want to live you will use natural fibers. Panne velvet is no wear near period and will send you into instant heat exhaustion. Synthetics do not breathe. It's perfectly okay to use the \$1 a yard cotton. This is honestly not about being period, but your health. More people end up having heat related problems while wearing synthetics than those that don't. It's a matter of the fabric "breathing" and the ability to absorb sweat.
- Drink water. Drink lotsa water. You'll need it. Even if you are wearing natural fibers, you still need a lot of water to keep hydrated. I didn't this past year and came home with three kidney stones. Not fun.
- Bring a wide range of garb. Despite the fact that it's nice and 85 in the day, it can easily get down to 40 at night. (I've heard rumors of frost at Pennsic before and I believe it!) Cloaks are great. Coats are wonderful. Sleeves were detachable back then for a reason and are very useful.
- Make some "machine washable" garb so you can easily throw it in the washer when you get home. You will have a lot of laundry.
- Bring some sort of feast gear. It doesn't have to be super fancy. In fact, a scout mess kit works well but you need something to eat out of unless you plan on eating out every single night!
- Lights! Battery operated "candles" can be found at any craft store for fairly cheap anymore and work well. Battery operated tealights are great to leave on in the middle of the night so you don't trip over everything as you leave to use the porta potty.... Those flashlight lanterns are great as well. Even though I use candles in my tent, I

wouldn't use them in most tents. Mine is a 10 X 10 and canvas. I NEVER leave the candles unattended even though they are normally just tea lights inside one of the Ikea lanterns I got for \$5.

- Something to sit on. I just saw wooden folding stools at Walmart that would be perfect. They aren't \$\$\$ and they are made out of stuff that is recognizable to pre 17th c folk. Director's chairs are okay and a lot of people just throw a cover over their camping chair. I personally have two Savonarola folding chairs that I bought off of ebay for \$150 (that's for both and including shipping.). Basically, get something to sit on and at least try to make it unmodern looking.
- Plastic ziplock bags. Put a full set of clean mudanes in the trunk of your car. This includes shoes. You will be so happy you did if we get another rainy Pennsic. Also, keep at least one piece of garb in a large waterproof container (aka ziplock bag). If your tent is one of the unlucky flooded ones, you'll be happy you did. I used the tubberware containers this past year and they worked great. (Yeah, everything was still damp but NOTHING prevented that this past year.)
- Sewing kit. You'll need it at some point. It can be one of those \$2 ones at the local drug store that has the pre-threaded needles. You just need something for when a bead falls off or you get a rip under the arm, ect.
- A fan, a parasol (late 16th c Italy. I have it documented!), or something else to help with the heat. I have an awesome little battery operated fan (Coleman) that I left on during the day to keep my tent coolish. It worked...well. For walking around Pennsic, I had a variety of fans (Oriental Trading company has some decent ones for cheap. You can also just make your own more period styled one). Guys, it's okay to have a fan at Pennsic. Really. I also had my parasol in case it got sunny. It never did.
- Sunscreen. You should apply it on all your exposed skin at least twice a day. It doesn't have to be a high rating but you will need it.
- Hats. Hats are period. Everyone wore hats. Depending on your place, it might have been mandatory. Straw hats are perfectly fine and can be found for as little as \$3. You can buy them at the store at Pennsic. You need a hat just to keep the sun off your face and neck. It helps.
- Reasonable shoes. Tennis shoes aren't reasonable. Boots are. You can cover you mundane shoes fairly easily. People do notice your shoes. If they are black, it's a bit better but you really want a nice good sturdy pair of shoes to wear at Pennsic.
- Make sure someone in your camp always knows where you are. It might be good to suggest a "message board" to your camp buddies so everyone knows who is out and where. This way you won't fall down drunk in the ditch and have to sleep there all night. Someone will come look for you, hopefully.



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Directions to business meeting and Monday fight/rapier/dance practice:

The next business meeting will be Sunday, April 20, 2014 at 7pm at Comfort Inn Capiatl Beltway, 4050 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville MD 20705, Exit 29B off of I-95.

The business meeting is held regularly every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Fight practice (heavy and rapier) and dance practice are held each Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave., College Park, MD 20740, at the corner of College Ave and Princeton Ave. off of Route 1, south of Paint Branch Pkwy. 7 blocks from the College Park/U of MD Metro on the Green Line.

Archery practice on Sunday 11:00am at Adelphi archery range, 2800 University Blvd E, Adelphi, MD 20783; equipment-making at Lord Cameron's during inclement weather.

Sewing and Performing Arts nights at Sierra Landing Condonimiums Community Center, 11603 Elkin St, Silver Spring MD, 20902. The community center is the small building in the parking lot; parking is free and unreserved. It is 4 blocks from the Wheaton Metro stop on the Red Line. accessible by the Red Line from the Wheaton Metro stop.

